



FORT WORTH PRESBYTERIAN

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.



To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers a welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the
guilt within, upward I look and see him there; Him who
made an end of all my sin.

— from the hymn Before the Throne of God Above

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Hearing Assistive Devices (FM Receivers) are available at the back sound booth.

† *Congregation standing*

Worship

— November 6, 2022 —

*Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Fort Worth Presbyterian 30th Anniversary*

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

The Gospel Greeting

Pastor: God is our salvation!

**People: Therefore, we will trust in him and will not be
afraid. He is our strength and our song.**

From Isaiah 12:2

† The Call to Worship *God calls His people to worship*

Pastor: With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation.
And together we will say:

**All: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted!**

Pastor: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously.

From Isaiah 12:3-5

† Hymn of Praise

*We praise our glorious King
Red Trinity Hymnal #358*

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

William Walsham How, 1864, 1875; Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

† Invocation

We seek the Lord's presence among us

† Doxology

We respond in praise

Gloria Patri

Red Trinity Hymnal #735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Confession of Sin

We turn from our sin

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

All: We, poor sinners, confess ourselves before you, our Lord and God and Maker, that sadly we have sinned much, with our desires, thoughts, words and deeds, as you, eternal God, know very well. We regret them and ask humbly for your good grace to deepen us in the forgiveness of Christ.

Heinrich Bullinger

Silent Confession

We acknowledge our sin

† Assurance of Pardon

We rest in the mercy of God

Pastor: Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Romans 8:33-34

All: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ: New Creation! The old has passed away; behold, the new has come!

From 2 Corinthians 5:17

The Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

IT WAS FINISHED UPON THAT CROSS

1. How I love the voice of Je - sus.
2. Now the curse, it has been bro - ken.

On the cross paid of Cal - va - ry
Je - sus paid the price for me.

He de - clares His work is fin - ished.
Full the par - don He has of - fered.

He has spo - ken this — hope to me.
Great the wel - come that I re - ceive.

Though the sun had ceased it's shin - ing,
Bold - ly I ap - proach my Fa - ther,

though the war ap - peared as — lost.
clothed in Je - sus' right - eous - ness.

Christ has tri - umphed o - ver e - vil.
There is no more guilt to car - ry.

It was fin - ished up - on that cross.

† Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

Pastor: Christian, in whom do we believe?

All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
The only- begotten Son of God, begotten of his
Father before all worlds, God of God,
Light of Light, very God of very God,
Begotten, not made, being of one substance with
The Father; by whom all things were made; who
For us and for our salvation came down from
Heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of
The virgin Mary, and was made man; and was
Crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he
Suffered and was buried; and the third day he
Rose again according to the Scriptures, and
Ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right
Hand of the Father; and he shall come again,
With glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Lord and Giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy *catholic and
apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism
for the remission of sins; and we look for the
resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world
to come. Amen.

*universal

Kingdom Prayer

(followed by silent prayer)

Scott Wade

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices together praying:

All: O God, our refuge and strength, you are the author of all godliness – please receive our prayers. We look to you because you alone are our hope and confidence. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Morning Offering & KIWI Release

We offer our gifts

*Children Pre-K through 2nd grade can now be dismissed for KIWI
(Kids In Worship Instruction).*

Teachers will meet the children in the foyer to take them to class.

After the sermon, their teachers will return them to worship where they may come directly to you, or you may meet them at the back of the auditorium.

The Reading of the Word

Luke 5:17-26

Pew Bible – Page 861

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Eggar

“JESUS ENCOUNTERS A PARALYTIC”

Extraordinary Determination

An Extraordinary Claim

Extraordinary Frustration

Extraordinary Power

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Who in your life have you determined to bring to Jesus in prayer? How are you bringing Jesus to them?
2. What is forgiveness (see Colossians 1:13-14)? How do you daily rest in Jesus' forgiveness? How does your life manifest that Christ has made an end to all your sin?
3. Why might the religious be offended by Jesus' claim to forgive sins?
4. Do you really believe Jesus knows your greatest need and has addressed it for your ultimate good?
5. Which one was easier to accomplish for Jesus - healing this man or forgiving this man? Ponder what it took for Jesus to forgive you. How does this comfort you? How should it change you?

† The Encouragement

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of Heaven we praise and magnify your glorious name evermore praising you and singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er, God of might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.____
— Ho - san - na in the high - est,____
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.____
— Ho - san - na in the high - est,____
— ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

The Confession

Pastor: Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us!

People: Hallelujah!

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of the Faith:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. Hallelujah!

Pastor: And now our Holy Master, that with boldness and without condemnation, we dare to call upon you, the Heavenly God, as our Father, and say:

All: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for yours is the Kingdom and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

Pastor: The holy gifts of God for the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving. Let us now partake of the feast!

(Clear cups are wine and purple cups are grape juice)

Understanding Holy Communion

“For Christ our Passover has also been sacrificed for us, therefore, let us celebrate the feast.” 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Because we believe the Table belongs to the Lord, it is vital that you come this morning on His terms:

1. You must be in communion with Jesus Christ by faith and repentance, trusting Him alone for your salvation. – *1 Corinthians 11:27-29*
2. You must be in communion with your brothers and sisters in Christ. – *Matthew 5:23-24; Ephesians 4:11-12*
3. You must be in communion with the church (any Bible-believing church) as a baptized member in good standing. – *Matthew 18:15-18; Hebrews 13:17*
4. Because we seriously heed Scripture's admonition in 1 Corinthians 11:28-29, we invite children who are ready to make a public profession of saving faith to complete the Communicants Class materials available at the book table, arrange a meeting with the elders, and thus become regular “communicants” at the Lord’s Table. Contact Rebecca York rebecca@fortworthpca.org.

*"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup."
– 1 Corinthians 11:28-29*

Prayers for Those Not Communing

For those searching for truth: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

For those who desire to profess faith in Christ: Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead and are now representing me at the Father's right hand in heaven, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

A prayer for those struggling against sin: Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

A prayer for covenant children who have not yet made a profession of faith: Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God

Words by Charitie Lees Bancroft; Music by Vicki Cook
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HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last!

Words: vv. 1-2 Ada Habershon (1861-1918)
New words (v.3), and music: Matthew Merker

JESUS, I AM RESTING, RESTING

Jesus I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee,
And Thy beauty fills my soul,
For by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.

*Jesus I am resting, resting In the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.*

Oh how great Thy loving kindness; vaster broader than the sea.
Oh how marvelous Thy goodness, lavished all on me.
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is Thine;
Know Thy certainty of promise, and have made it mine.

(Chorus)

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, I behold Thee as Thou art,
And Thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its every need,
Compasseth me round with blessings; Thine is love indeed!

(Chorus)

Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee.
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus,
Earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory, Sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting; fill me with Thy grace.

(Chorus)

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† Song of Sending

HIS MERCY IS MORE

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

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† The Sending

The people of God are sent into the world

Pastor: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks for all circumstances; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

The Blessing

God blesses his people as they go

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

All: Amen!

Numbers 6:24-26

Deacon of the Day

Chris Jordan

Save the Date

Sat, Dec 10, 7-9 pm - GAP Christmas Party

Sun, Dec 11, 11:30 am - Kids Advent Party

Sun, Dec 18, 6 pm - Lessons & Carols

Sat, Dec 24, 5 pm - Christmas Eve Service

Sun, Dec 25, 11 am - Christmas Service

Sun, Jan 9, 9am – FWPC 101 (new members class) begins

Information & Events

Offering: To make a contribution [CLICK HERE](#) or you may text to give to 817-934-6447.

Christian Formation Classes, Sundays @ 9am: The Intimate Mystery, a class on marriage, in Room 207. Journey in Prayer is a hands-on prayer training. Join us as we call on our Father in kingdom prayer in Room 205 with Steve Fults. Exploring the Gospels with Bob Schwartzbeck is in the Lecture Hall and College and Career Community is in Room 201.

GAP Parent Prayer Time TODAY @ 11:30 am, Room 209.

Coat Drive: Oakmont Elementary is collecting new winter coats for ages Pre-K through 5th Grade. Please bring your donation to the FWPC Fellowship Hall by Sunday, November 20. We will deliver these coats to the elementary school for distribution to the kids who most need them.

Ladies Game Night: Join us for a night of fun in the Lecture Hall from 7:00-9:00 p.m. tomorrow night. Friends and snacks to share are welcome. Decaf coffee and water are provided. Ladies Game Night occurs monthly on the first Monday unless it's a holiday (such as Labor Day).

Join Our Greeter Team Today: Contact Anne Santana, the Greeter Team Coordinator. Call 817-874-4001, or email asimple1@gmail.com.

Lessons & Carols Choir Rehearsals: Weekly rehearsals will be held on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. from October 20-December 15, excluding Thanksgiving Day. One additional rehearsal will take place on Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining the choir, please let justin@fortworthpca.org know.

Find Refreshment in a Zoom Prayer Meeting: Thursday at 1:00 pm. Join the church for 30 minutes of prayer on Thursday as we pray for issues facing our church and nation. The link can be found in member/regular attender emails.

Information & Events

Congregational Meeting December 4: The congregation nominated the following men this past May who have undergone Elder/Deacon training and been examined by the Session. The Session is now recommending these men for your prayerful consideration for the office of Elder/Deacon at Fort Worth Presbyterian. Later this week we will send more information so you can know more about their background and service in Christ's church.

We will hold the election for these men Sunday, December 4, at a congregational meeting directly following the morning service.

MTW 30 Days of Prayer: We invite you to join us in devoting the month of November to prayer for global missions. Sunday, November 6, is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church and we particularly invite you to join with us in remembering those who live and serve the Lord in places where it is difficult or dangerous.

Copies of the prayer calendar are in the Bulletin Table. Please take one. Your prayers are critical for the growth of the worldwide Church! Thank you for joining us in prayer. Without prayer, we can do nothing.

30th Anniversary for FWPC's 1st Worship service: Today we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the founding of Fort Worth Presbyterian. Over the years, in both the good and hard times, our God has shown his faithfulness to us in forming us more and more into a church that rests in God's grace, proclaims God's truth, bears witness to God's healing reign in Christ to this beloved city. Thanks be to God!

Fall at

Sundays, 9:00 am, through Dec 18 - Christian Formation Classes

High School - Room 204: What is Reformed Theology?

Middle School - Room 203: What is Reformed Theology?

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, through Nov 16 - All-Youth Large Group

food, fun, lesson on Romans, small group discussion

Saturday, November 12, 1:00-4:00 pm - Service Project at FWPC

Bring gloves, wheelbarrows, and shovels for mulching.

Saturday, December 10 - Christmas Party

Details: fortworthpca.org/youth | Questions? thefort@fortworthpca.org | [@thefort_fwpc](https://www.instagram.com/thefort_fwpc)

A festive poster for a 'Kids Advent Party'. The background is light blue with white snowflakes and dots. A large, irregular yellow shape in the center contains the text 'Kids' in red script, 'ADVENT' in large green block letters, and 'Party' in green script. In the top right corner, it says 'Sunday DEC 11' in white, with '11:30-1:00' below it. In the bottom left corner, there is a small illustration of a nativity scene. At the bottom, a black banner contains white text: 'PRE-K TO 4TH GRADE, STAY AFTER CHURCH FOR LUNCH, GAMES, PRIZES, DESSERT AND TWO HANDS-ON EXPERIMENTS TO PONDER THE BEAUTY AND GLORY OF JESUS.'

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WOMEN'S *Christmas* BRUNCH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 10:00 A.M.
AT FORT WORTH PRESBYTERIAN

JOIN US AND BRING A FRIEND!
TICKETS ARE \$10
AT FORTWORTHPCA.ORG.
ORDER BY DEC. 4.



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by proclaiming, believing and living out the gospel of Jesus Christ”

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